

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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BIAGIO RAVO and ENRICO NICOLO,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	Civil Action No. 04 0617
v.)	
)	
ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC.,)	
)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

STIPULATED DISMISSAL

Plaintiffs Biagio Ravo and Enrico Nicolo ("Plaintiffs") and Defendant
Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. ("Ethicon"), having agreed to dismissal of this action, hereby
stipulate, as follows:

1. Plaintiffs claims against Ethicon and defenses to Ethicon's counterclaims are dismissed with prejudice.
2. Ethicon's defenses and counterclaims against Plaintiffs are dismissed with prejudice.
3. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in this action.

4. The provisions of the protective order entered in this action shall remain in force pursuant to its terms.

Dated: Oct. 3, 2006

COHEN & GRIGSBY, PC

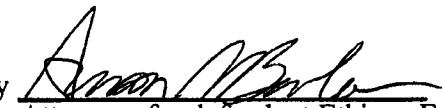
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Dated: October 5, 2006

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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 10/10/06


Chief United States District Judge